



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO INCREASE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF COVID-19 PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor David Y. Ige issued a Proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the State of Hawaii ("State") due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act, HRS Chapter 127A; and

WHEREAS, also on March 4, 2020, Mayor Kirk Caldwell ("Mayor") issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-02, issued by the Mayor on March 22, 2020, established a stay-at-home order, restricted operations of all non-essential businesses, and placed health and safety regulations on all essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, the Mayor issued Emergency Order 2020-14, which, among other things, extended the stay-at-home order to June 30, 2020 and allowed the reopening designated businesses and activities under certain restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Mayor issued Emergency Order 2020-15, which relaxed restrictions on certain types of gatherings, subject to conditions and restrictions designed to limit transmission of COVID-19, including maintaining social distancing requirements and wearing face masks when conducting activities, such as shopping, outside of one's home, and restricting the size of gatherings when the gathering includes persons outside of one's household; and

WHEREAS, under the Mayor's Emergency Order 2020-14, all law enforcement personnel of the State and City are mandated to ensure compliance with and enforce the emergency orders in accordance with HRS Section 127A-29 and the Mayor's Rules; and

WHEREAS, as the City has relaxed restrictions, it has been reported and Councilmembers have observed that many individuals are not complying with social distancing requirements, including the use of face masks where required, maintaining a 6-foot distance from others when possible, and keeping group gatherings within the specified maximums; and



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WHEREAS, it has also been reported that some businesses are not fully abiding by, or are not requiring their customers to abide by, requirements included in the Mayor's Emergency Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Emergency Orders for many businesses include requirements to limit gathering sizes, reduce maximum occupancy, maintain a minimum space of six feet between individuals or small groups whenever possible, mandate use of face masks by both employees and customers, sanitize frequently touched surfaces, restrict access to common areas, provide hand washing or sanitizing capability to employees and customers, and restricting access by sick individuals, among other requirements; and

WHEREAS, a lack of compliance with COVID-19 rules and regulations could result in an increase in transmission of the disease to levels beyond the capacity of our health care community to safely manage; and

WHEREAS, elsewhere in the United States many communities that have reopened their economies have seen concerning increases in COVID-19 cases, often as a result of lowered social distancing and hygiene requirements or reduced enforcement; and

WHEREAS, mitigating a resurgence of COVID-19 cases as the local economy reopens and rebuilds is critical, and, in order to safeguard the health and safety of the general public, it is essential that all Oahu residents, visitors, and businesses follow COVID-related orders, regulations and protocols; and

WHEREAS, designating a single City office to coordinate public education and monitor compliance with the rules and regulations contained in the Mayor's Emergency Orders could reduce non-compliance and protect the health and safety of the general public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor is requested to increase monitoring and enforcement of COVID-19 rules and regulations to ensure that the COVID-19 caseload in the City remains at a manageable level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is requested to designate a City office whose responsibilities would include, but not be limited to:

- Responding to inquiries and questions from the public about specific provisions of the Mayor's COVID-19 Emergency Orders;



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- Setting up a well-publicized hotline that residents can call to report violations to the City;
- Deploying City employees or volunteers into the community to educate the general public and private businesses about compliance with the COVID-19 rules and regulations and monitor compliance; and
- Coordinating and communicating with the appropriate State and City departments, including the Honolulu Police Department, to monitor and enforce compliance with COVID-19 rules and regulations for persons and businesses within their respective areas of responsibility; and



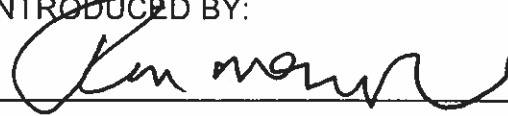
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Emergency Management.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 23 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 06/23/20 By: RON MENOR

Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY AND
WELFARE

Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO INCREASE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF COVID-19
PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

07/16/20	PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE	CR-187 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: MENOR, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 2 EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN.
08/19/20	COUNCIL	CR-187 AND RESOLUTION 20-157 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, WATERS. 1 NO: TSUNEYOSHI.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER